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The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni
United States District Judge
U.S. District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
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MEMO ENDORSED

Re: *United States v. Velez*, 19 Cr. 862 (Deeshuntee Stevens)

Dear Judge Caproni:

I write on behalf of my client, Deeshuntee Stevens, to respectfully request permission for Mr. Stevens to travel from Rochester, NY, to New York City, on October 10, 2020, to visit his daughter on the occasion of her thirteenth birthday. Mr. Stevens' daughter resides in the Bronx with her mother, Melissa Blondet, one of the co-signors for Mr. Stevens' bond. Mr. Stevens will travel by bus to and from Rochester, leaving Rochester in the early morning hours of October 10, and returning in the early morning hours of October 11. He will not stay overnight in New York City. The United States Attorney's Office and the office of Pretrial Services take no position with respect to this request.

As the Court is aware, on August 21, 2020, your Honor ordered Mr. Stevens released on bail, with the consent of the government, on conditions including: (1) a \$100,000 personal recognizance bond, signed by Mr. Stevens and co-signed by three financially responsible persons; (2) home detention with electronic monitoring, except to attend work, to seek employment (with agreement of the office of Pretrial Services as to the specifics), and for medical visits and legal

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visits, at the Rochester, New York home of Jesseivett Orta, a close family friend serving as third-party custodian; and (3) travel restricted to the state of New York. Mr. Stevens is charged in the above-referenced matter with conspiracy to distribute heroin, fentanyl and other narcotics, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 846, and possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c), 2.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Jocelyn E. Strauber

cc: Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam S. Hobson
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U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Jonathan Lettieri
U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Jeffrey Mileham

Application GRANTED.

SO ORDERED.



Date: October 7, 2020

HON. VALERIE CAPRONI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE